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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT'S TRAVELS

REF: RABAT 2795; NOUAKCHOTT 1177 (NOTAL)

1. SEVERAL HOURS AFTER MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH LEFT RABAT FOLLOWING TALKS WITH KING HASSAN (REF A), MOROCCAN NEWS AGENCY (MAP) REPORTED THAT OULD DADDAH HAD FLOWN TO ALGIERS FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE. OULD DADDAH USED SPSKIAL ROYAL AIR MAROC PLANE FOR FLIGHT ACCORDING TO MAP. NON-GOVERNMENT PRESS FINALLY REPORTED JUNE 13 THAT OULD DADDAH HAD MET WITH BOUMEDIENE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE 94.34'S QUICK TRIP TO RABAT (REF B).

2. IN BRIEF JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED LATE JUNE 12, TWO LEADERS REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE PERIODIC
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CONSULTATIONS TO STRENGTHEN MUTUAL COOPERATION. THEY ALSO

EXPRESSED DETERMINATION "TO CONFOUND SPANISH MANEUVERS AIMING AT HINDERING PROCEDURE BEGUN BY UNGA BEFORE ICJ AT JOINT REQUEST OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA TO DEFEND THEIR COMMON RIGHTS (RPT COMMON RIGHTS) IN THIS PROVINCE".

3. ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTED TO ME JUNE 12 THAT ABOVE PHRASE ON COMMON MAURITANIAN AND MOROCCAN RIGHTS WAS MOST EXPLICIT PUBLIC HINT THUS FAR AT BILATERAL DEAL ON FUTURE OF TERRITORY. IF SUCH DEAL WERE MADE PUBLIC, IN HIS OPINION, THERE WOULD NOT BE MUCH ALGERIA COULD DO ABOUT IT. WHILE ALGERIA FAVORED SAHARAN SELF-DETERMINATION, THIS WOULD BE A DIFFICULT STANCE TO MAINTAIN IN THE FACE OF A DEAL. ALGERIAN

AMB ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT ALGERIA UNLIKELY IN ANY CASE TO BLOW ITS COOL THROUGH MILITARY ACTION, ALTHOUGH HE RECEIVING "THREE CALLS A DAY" FROM ALGIERS REFLECTING CONCERN OVER MOROCCAN ACTIVITIES. MOROCCAN PRESS CAMPAIGN IN PARTICULAR WAS GETTING UNDER ALGERIAN SKIN, HE NOTED.

4. COMMENT: MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE, PLUS PROMINENT ROLE APPARENTLY PLAYED BY ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR DURING OULD DADDAH'S VISIT, SUGGEST THAT OULD DADDAH MAY BE PLAYING SOME SORT OF MEDIATORY ROLE. NON-GOVERNMENT PRESS HAS BEGUN TO SPECULATE THAT OULD DADDAH'S COMINGS AND GOINGS MAY BE RELATED TO POSSIBLE MOROCCAN ACCEPTANCE OF QUADRIPARTITE TALKS ON SAHARA.
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